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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: EL TATIO GEOTHERMAL

REF: A) STATE 081374; B) SANTIAGO 7211, 6847

1. THE CHILEAN STATE-OWNED POWER COMPANY (ENDESA) HAS
OFFICIALLY CALLED FOR DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION BIDS ON THE EL TATIO
GEOTHERMAL PROJECT.

2. A TYPICAL TURN-KEY PROJECT, BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO ARRANGE
ALL FINANCING AS A PART OF THE BID. FURTHER, BIDDERS ARE
EXPECTED TO AFFILIATE WITH A LOCAL CHILEAN ENGINEERING FIRM.

3. PROJECT INCLUDES BASIC ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
OF A POWER PLANT AND A 110 KM TRANSMISSION LINE FROM EL TATIO
TO CHUQUICAMATA, WORLD'S LARGEST OPEN-PIT COPPER MINE. MINE
WOULD BE EXCLUSIVE USER OF POWER.

4. ENDESA DECLINES TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF INTERESTED COMPANIES.
WE KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST SIX INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING
FIRMS HAVE EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST.

5. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY OBTAIN TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
AND RELATED MATERIAL BY CONTACTING DIRECTLY:

MR. LUIS COURT
ENGINEERING MANAGER
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6. SEE REFTELS FOR FUTHRER BACKGROUND ON THIS PROJECT.
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